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In re Application of: Yasuhiko (nmi) Aoki et al.  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING  
OPTICAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN RING NETWORKS

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